GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1639
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2016
Safeguarding Patients Privacy
Angadi Shri Suresh Chanabasappa;Gopalakrishnan Shri R.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring out a legislation to safeguard patient"s privacy by protecting health data and medical information of patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said legislation has provisions for action against any breach of data of the patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): Yes. Ministry has decided to bring out a legislation regarding Electronic Health Data, Privacy and Security. The proposed legislation will broadly cover the following aspects :
1. Comprehensive legal framework to protect 'e-health data' of an 'individual'.
2. Ownership of 'e-health data'.
3. Legal framework for health data standardization in collection, storage, exchange etc.
4. Comprehensive remedies (civil and criminal) for data breach.
5. Enforcing nodal body.
(c) & (d): Yes. However, the proposed legislation is still being drafted and action against any breach of electronic data of the patients are yet to be finalized.
â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦..